

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed June 2, 2005. In order to advance prosecution of the present Application, Claims 1, 11, 16-18, 24-26, and 28-31 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The Abstract stands objected to for being too long. The Abstract has been amended to correct its length. Attached herewith is a clean replacement sheet of the new Abstract.

Claims 30 and 31 stand objected to for a minor informality. Claims 30 and 31 have been amended to address the informality identified by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 5-16, 20-24, and 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Farris, et al. Independent Claims 1, 11, 16, 24, and 29 recite in general that authentication of an identity of a network user is performed upon establishing a communication session and then a determination is made as to whether the identity of the network user is associated in memory with network location information of the network user. By contrast, the Farris, et al. patent discloses the establishment of a communication session by its SSP and SCP between a telephone and an intelligent peripheral without authenticating the identity of the user of the telephone. Authentication of the identity of the telephone user is not performed until the communication session has already been established with the intelligent peripheral. Moreover, the Farris, et al. patent never makes a determination as to whether the identity of the network user is associated with the network location information of the network user. The Farris, et al. patent merely discloses selecting a virtual office equipment number based on the identity of the telephone user and discards the original

office equipment number associated with the off-hook line. Thus, the Farris, et al. patent fails to disclose authenticating an identity of a network user upon establishment of a communication session and determining whether the identity of the network user is associated in a memory with network location information as provided in the claimed invention. Support for the above recitation can be found at page 7, lines 21-32; page 8, lines 10-18; page 9, lines 4-21; and page 10, lines 1-12, of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 5-16, 20-24, and 26-31 are not anticipated by the Farris, et al. patent.

Claims 2-4, 17-19, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Farris, et al. Independent Claim 1, from which Claims 2-4 depend; Independent Claim 16, from which Claims 17-19 depend; and Independent Claim 24, from which Claim 25 depends, have been shown above to be patentably distinct from the Farris, et al. patent. therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-4, 17-19, and 25 are patentably distinct from the Farris, et al. patent.

CONCLUSION

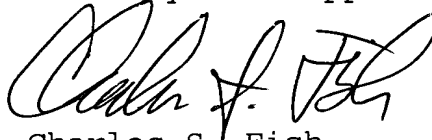
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

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